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Ronstadt Transit Center Project Area for Joint Development, Downtown Tucson

Completed in 1991, the Ronstadt Transit Center, includes a colonnaded arbor that wraps around the south and west sides of the center. The arbor is lined with shaded seating and arched entries formed from bricks of structures that previously stood on the site. Two 50-foot cooling towers developed at the University of Arizona Environmental Research Laboratory provide additional relief from Tucson's summer heat. More than 20,000 ceramic tiles, fabricated by local artist Melody Peters, decorate the interior columns and beams of the arbor. Fentress Architects' design received three awards from the American Institute of Architects.

In 2012, renovations were undertaken that include various safety, security, and aesthetic upgrades.

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One of three properties comprising the project area for joint development.

View of the Ronstadt Transit Center 2.3-acre property facing southeast. In the background, the Martin Luther King and One North Fifth apartments.

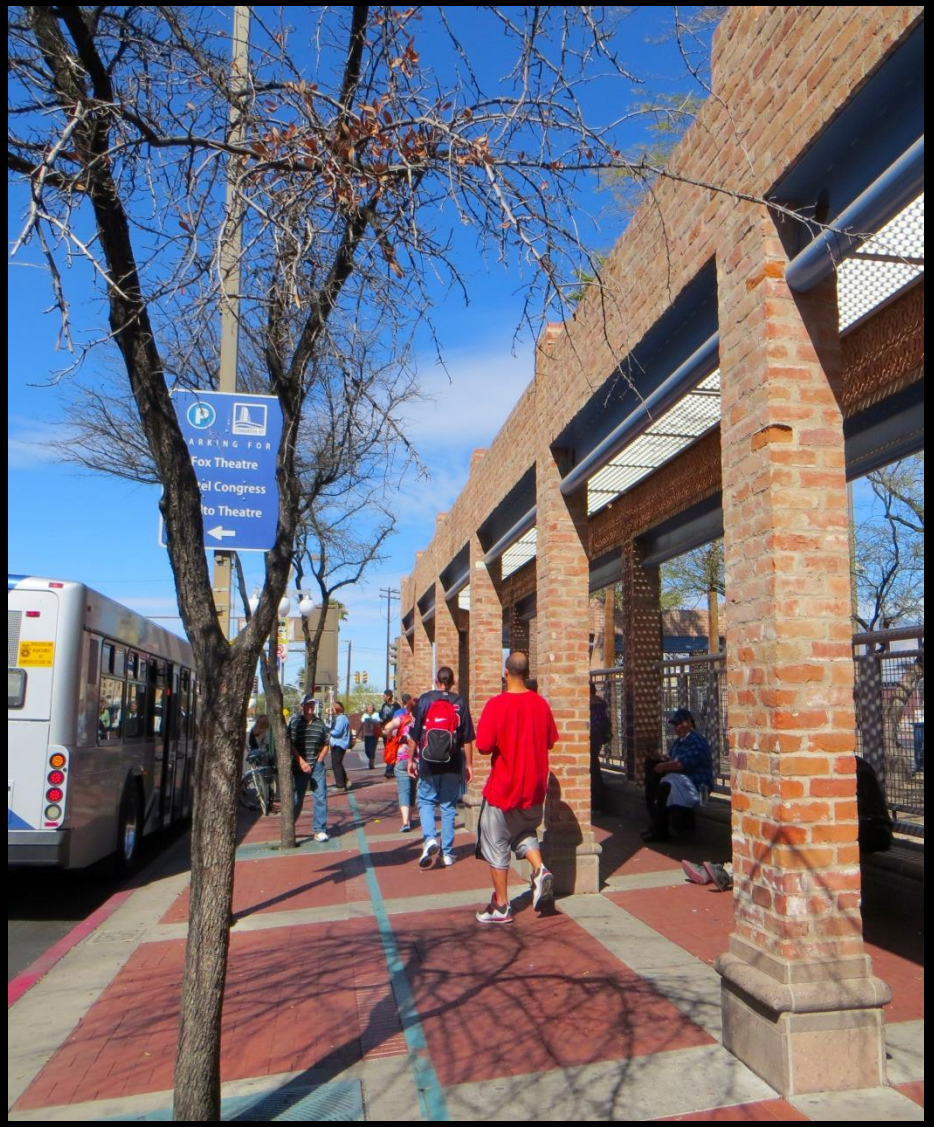
Looking northeast, with the Ronstadt Transit Center in the lower right-hand, and in the center the Triangle Lot (0.98 acres) and the Toole Lot (1.42 acres), the other two properties that comprise the project area for joint development.

View of the transit center from 6th Avenue, facing northeast.

Ronstadt Transit Center entryway at the corner of Congress Street and 6th Avenue.

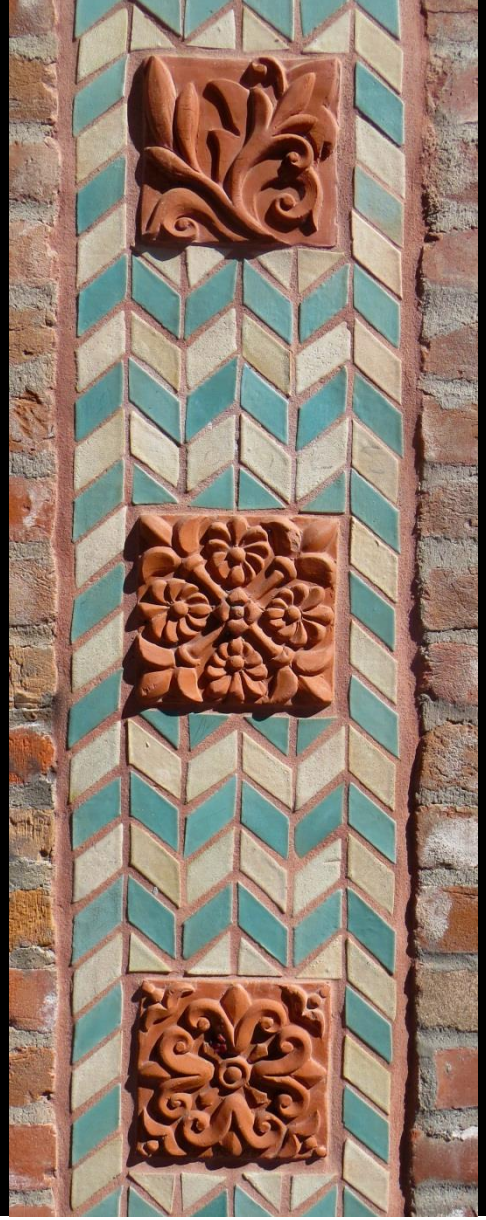
Ronstadt Transit Center entryway on Congress Street, facing north.

Ronstadt Transit Center entryway on 6th Avenue, facing east.



Walkways and shaded seating along the transit center trellised arcade on Congress Street (left) and 6th Avenue (right).

Boarding area in the transit center, with covered waiting area, seating, restrooms, and other amenities.



Details of the tiles at Ronstadt Transit Center.